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SUBJECT: NAVAL OBSERVATORY "TRANSIT CIRCLE" PROGRAM
- IN NEW ZEALAND

REF: (A) STATE 051578, (B) WELLINGTON 1643

1. GNZ DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF MAY 3 (RECEIVED MAY 8)
EXTENDS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROPOSED US
NAVAL OBSERVATORY TEN YEAR "TRANSIT CIRCLE" PROGRAM
TO BE ESTABLISHED AT BLACK BIRCH, NEW ZEALAND.

2. KEY PARAGRAPH OF NOTE FOLLOWS: "THE MINISTRY IS
PLEASED TO INFORM THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY THAT THE
SOIL CONSERVATION AND RIVERS CONTROL COUNCIL HAS AGREED
IN PRINCIPLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OBSERVATORY
AT THE BLACK BIRCH EXPERIMENTAL AREA AND TO THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT CONDUCTING SITE INVESTIGATIONS
SUBJECT TO ITS ACCEPTANCE THAT THERE BE NO DAMAGE OR
DEFACEMENT OF THE SITE. THE COUNCIL HAS ALSO REQUESTED
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THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND SOIL CONSERVATION TO CHECK
THE PROPOSAL WHEN DESIGN LAYOUT IS COMPLETED AND TO
NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT ON GRASSING OVER EXPOSED SOILS
AT END OF CONSTRUCTION, MEETING A FAIR SHARE OF
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND ROADING MAINTENANCE COSTS AND
PROVIDING FOR MAKING GOOD THE SITE ON COMPLETION OF
THE PROGRAMME."

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED WHEN SITE INVESTIGATION TEAM MENTIONED PARAS 5 AND 6 REFTEL A CAN BE EXPECTED. TEAMS ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH EMBASSY AND CARTER OBSERVATORY DIRECTOR DR. LEWIS.

4. A COPY OF THE NOTE IS BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT (EA/ANP). SELDEN

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